

Memorandum

Date: February 9, 1999

To: Potential Team Members

From: Lester A. Snow
Executive Director



Subject: Stakeholder Core Team for Refinement of Water Management Strategy

You are invited to participate in a small Stakeholder Core Team for refinement of CALFED's water management strategy. The first meeting will be on February 23, 1999 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in CALFED's office (Room 1147-C1). We anticipate that meetings/conference calls will be needed every 2 to 3 weeks.

We look for these meetings to help us focus technical work and achieve a working draft of the water management strategy by mid-May 1999. Your role will be to provide feedback on what work needs to be done and on the work products. Due to the limited time and need for focused discussion, we would like to keep the meetings relatively small. The progress on the water management strategy will also be presented to the CALFED Policy Group, Small Management Group, and BDAC.

Following is a summary on our current ideas for the Stakeholder Core Team:

Background

The December 18, 1998 *Revised Phase II Report* summarized CALFED's water management in one sentence:

In light of the substantial variability of demand and supply, as well as the different utility of the various water management tools, CALFED believes that the appropriate water management strategy will not be a single approach, but the proper combination of all of the available tools.

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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Together with stakeholder input, CALFED proposes to better define this water management strategy. A working draft of the strategy will be prepared by mid-May 1999 for use in the public release of the Revised Draft programmatic EIS/EIR. Additional refinements of the strategy will be prepared in September 1999 and for the Final Programmatic EIS/EIR.

Stakeholder Role

The purpose of the small Stakeholder Core Team is to provide timely and focused feedback on needed work and on work products as they are developed by CALFED staff. The invitees are:

Steve Arakawa/MWD of So CA
Laura King/SLDMWA
Gary Bobker/The Bay Institute
Barry Nelson/Save the Bay
EZE Burts/L.A. Chamber
Byron Buck/CA Urban Water Agencies
Dan Keppen/NCWA
Tom Hagler/U.S. EPA
Patrick Wright/Secretary of Resources office

Other focused workgroups may be formed to address some issues relating to the water management strategy and report back to the core team. For example, CALFED has asked a small group to help select a reasonable range of water demand projections which can be used to develop and test the water management strategy. In addition, CALFED has asked another group to focus on agricultural water use efficiency issues.

Attached is the Water Management Strategy, 1999 Workplan Summary that we presented to CALFED Policy Group on February 4, 1999.

Please let Robin Jenkins (916-657-2666) know if you will attend the scheduled meeting or if you will send an alternate in your absence. If you have any questions on the anticipated work effort please call Loren Bottorff (916-657-3649).

Attachment